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TO: Secretary of State

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DIVISION.

At Pavliceck's request Crawford called on him at Foreign Ministry
at 3 P.M. today and was handed note text of which (except for
complimentary ending) follows:

BEGIN QUOTE

Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to Embassy
of United States of America and has honor to transmit herewith
text of a note of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of German Democratic
Republic concerning the crossing of an American military aircraft
into the territory of the German Democratic Republic, for the
transmittal of which to the State Department of the United States
of America it has been asked:

BEGIN INNER QUOTE

On the afternoon of June 7, 1958, a military aircraft of the
United States Army entered without permission the sovereign air
space of the German Democratic Republic.

This unauthorized entry constitutes a gross violation of the
border and air space of the German Democratic Republic and is
in sharp contradiction with the international rules concerning
the respect of the air space and security of other states.

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The aircraft had to land in the southern part of the Marl-Marx-Stadt region and was honored by the organs of the German Democratic Republic. The aircraft had a crew of nine, including Major Zellea, Chief of Staff of Artillery of the Third Armored Division of the United States Army, stationed in Western Germany.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic is prepared to open negotiations with the respective authorities of the United States concerning further steps to be taken in this matter.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic expects a communication in this respect from the State Department of the United States of America. END INNER QUOTE.

In view of the explanation contained in the above note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czechslovak Republic considers the Embassy's note No. 272 of June 7, 1958, to be purposeless.

UNQUOTE

Crawford told Pavlicek we would transmit note to Department.

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